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The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. RADANOVICH].

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 31, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable GEORGE P. RADANOVICH to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend Joe Voss, Valley Center Assembly of God, Valley Center, KS, offered the following prayer:

Lord, we pause at the beginning of this session to humbly bow our hearts before You. We acknowledge Your lordship and Your majesty and our utter dependence upon You.

From the beginning of creation, You have moved the hearts of kings like a river. So move the hearts of this House, and the great Nation they represent. Lord, move our hearts to submit under Your hand and to seek Your wisdom from above. Give us that wisdom that You declared is first, pure, and peaceable and gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good faith, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

Lord, forgive us for the times we have walked outside of this wisdom. Be merciful to us as a nation and forgive us our sins, both against You and one another.

Help us to be a light to the world, to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God.

We ask this in the precious name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. RADANOVICH). The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DIAZ-BALART) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one if its clerks, announced that the Senate agrees to the amendments of the House to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2353) "An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring authorities of the Department of Veterans Affairs relating to delivery of health and medical care, and for other purposes."

The message also announced that the Senate has passed a concurrent resolution of the following title, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. Con. Res. 40. Concurrent Resolution to commemorate the sesquicentennial of Texas statehood.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 103-227, the Chair, on behalf of the Republican leader, appoints Mr. JEFFORDS as a member of the national education goals panel, vice Mr. GREGG.

The message also announced that in accordance with Public Law 81-754, as

amended by Public Law 93-536 and Public Law 100-365, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints Mr. HATFIELD to the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. RADANOVICH). The Chair will recognize Members for an unlimited number of 1-minute speeches.

WELCOME TO REV. JOE VOSS, VALLEY CENTER ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

(Mr. TIAHRT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, today the House was opened in prayer by my friend and pastor, Joe Voss. Joe is from a tough neighborhood in St. Louis. As a teenager, he was sent to a correctional school for boys, but thanks to Salvation Army officers, Major Froeberg and Clarence Harvey, who is currently a Divisional Commander here in D.C., Joe turned his life around.

He went to Forest Park Community College and graduated from the Salvation Army Seminary in Chicago in 1970. Joe married Connie 25 years ago and they have a 21-year-old son, Joey, and a daughter who is 18, named April.

But the real story is what Joe and Connie are doing today. He has just finished heading up a building program for a new sanctuary without borrowing money. Instead of mortgage payments, Joe and the members of Valley Center Assembly of God are investing in young boys and girls, many from single homes, through a scouting program called Royal Rangers and Missionettes.

They are not only working with the teenagers in their church, but also

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